Windbreak Interpretations

Farmstead windbreaks protect livestock, buildings, and yards from wind and snow. They also protect fruit trees and gardens, and they furnish habitat for wildlife. Several rows of low-growing and high-growing broadleaf and coniferous trees and shrubs provide the most protection.

Field windbreaks are narrow plantings made at right angles to the prevailing wind and at specific intervals across the field. The interval depends on the erodibility of the soil. Field windbreaks protect cropland and crops from wind, help to keep snow on the fields, increase crop yields, and provide food and cover for wildlife.

Each tree or shrub species has certain climatic and physiographic limits. Within these parameters a tree or shrub may be well or poorly suited because of soil characteristics. Each tree or shrub also has definable potentials of height growth based on the soil type and climate.

Information in this subsection, which includes windbreak suitability groups and a windbreak and environmental plantings table, can be used as a guide in planning windbreaks and screens.

This subsection includes:

• (a) Trees and Shrubs for Windbreak and Environmental Plantings

Map symbol and soil name	Trees having predicted 20-year average height, in feet, of					
	<8	8-15	16-25	26-35	>35	
AdC: ADAIR	- fragrant sumac; ninebark	 Amur maple; gray dogwood; possumhaw	 eastern redcedar 	Austrian pine; common hackberry; honeylocust; Norway spruce; pin oak		
AeC2: ADAIR	-		 	 	 	
AmC: ARMSTRONG	 fragrant sumac; ninebark	Amur maple; gray dogwood; possumhaw	 eastern redcedar 	Austrian pine; common hackberry; honeylocust; Norway spruce; pin oak	 	
AmD: ARMSTRONG	- fragrant sumac; ninebark	Amur maple; gray dogwood; possumhaw	 eastern redcedar 	Austrian pine; common hackberry; honeylocust; Norway spruce; pin oak	 	
Arc3: ARMSTRONG	- fragrant sumac; ninebark	Amur maple; gray dogwood; possumhaw	 eastern redcedar 	Austrian pine; common hackberry; honeylocust; Norway spruce; pin oak	 	
Co: COLO	- buttonbush	 possumhaw 	 eastern arborvitae; eastern redcedar; nannyberry	 baldcypress; common hackberry; pin oak	 eastern cottonwood 	
GaC: GARA	-		 	 	 	
GaD: GARA	-		 	 	 	
GaE: GARA	-			 	 	
GbD3: GARA	-			 	 	
GeF:	-		 	 	 	

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	<8	8-15	16-25	26-35	>35
GsB: GRUNDY	 fragrant sumac; ninebark	Amur maple; gray dogwood; possumhaw	 eastern redcedar 	Austrian pine; common hackberry; honeylocust; Norway spruce; pin oak	
GuB2: GRUNDY	 fragrant sumac; ninebark	Amur maple; gray dogwood; possumhaw 	 eastern redcedar 	Austrian pine; common hackberry; honeylocust; Norway spruce; pin oak	
Ha: HAIG	 buttonbush 	 possumhaw 	 eastern arborvitae; eastern redcedar; nannyberry	baldcypress; common hackberry; pin oak	eastern cottonwood
Hu: HUMESTON	 buttonbush 	 possumhaw 	 eastern arborvitae; eastern redcedar; nannyberry	baldcypress; common hackberry; pin oak	eastern cottonwood
LaC: LADOGA		 	 	 	
LgB: LAGONDA	 fragrant sumac; ninebark 	 Amur maple; gray dogwood; possumhaw	 eastern redcedar 	Austrian pine; common hackberry; honeylocust; Norway spruce; pin oak	
LgC2: LAGONDA	 	 	 	 	
LhC3: LAGONDA	 	 	 	 	
LmC2: LAMONI	 	 	 	 	
LmC3: LAMONI	 	 	 	 	

Map symbol	Trees having predicted 20-year average height, in feet, of				
and soil name	<8	8-15	16-25	26-35	>35
No: NODAWAY					
PeB: PERSHING				 	
PeC: PERSHING	 	 	 	 	
PgC3: PERSHING				 	
Pt: PITS					
ShD: SHELBY	 	 	 	 	
ShE: SHELBY		 	 	 	
SkD3: SHELBY			 	 	
SkE3: SHELBY	 	 	 	 	
W: WATER	 				
Wa: WABASH	 buttonbush 	 possumhaw 	 eastern arborvitae; eastern redcedar; nannyberry	 baldcypress; common hackberry; pin oak	 eastern cottonwood
WeB: WELLER					
WeC: WELLER		 	 		
WgC3: WELLER	 fragrant sumac; ninebark	Amur maple; gray dogwood; possumhaw	 eastern redcedar 	 Austrian pine; common hackberry; honeylocust; Norway spruce; pin oak	

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	<8	8-15	16-25	26-35	>35 	
Zo: ZOOK		 	 		 	
Zz: ZOOK	 			 	 	
COLO	buttonbush	possumhaw 	eastern arborvitae; eastern redcedar; nannyberry	baldcypress; common hackberry; pin oak 	eastern cottonwood	